

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

BRITTNEY LEE ZARAGOZA,

Defendant.

No. 4:15-CR-6049-EFS-10

**ORDER SETTING PRETRIAL
CONFERENCES AND TRIAL TO COINCIDE
WITH CO-DEFENDANTS**

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

Defendant Brittney Lee Zaragoza is joined for trial with co-defendants Jese David Casillas Carrillo (2), Rosa Granados (3), Francisco Duarte Figueroa (6), Gabriela Mendoza Vasquez (7), Erica Maria Solis (15), Edgar Omar Herrera Farias (16), Juan Bravo Zambrano (19), Jose Adrian Mendoza (23), and Veronica Elvira Cortez (24). No motion to sever has been filed. Accordingly, the Court sets the pretrial conference and trial and enters a Case Management Order, which sets all Defendants' cases on the same timeline. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6), the resulting period of delay is excluded under the Speedy Trial Act as to Defendant Brittney Lee Zaragoza (10).

The following Case Management Order sets forth the deadlines, hearings, and requirements that the parties will observe in this matter. To the extent this Order conflicts with any previously entered orders in this matter, this Order shall govern. All counsel

1 are expected to carefully read and abide by this Order. The Court
2 will grant relief from the requirements in this Order only upon motion
3 and good cause shown.

4 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

5 **1. Emailing the Court.** Where this Order requires counsel to
6 email documents to the Court, all documents shall be
7 attached to the email in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) or
8 rich-text (.rtf) format. The subject line of each email
9 shall be formatted as follows:

10 **[Case No.]; [Case Name]; [Title of Document]**

11 (e.g.: 16-CR-9999-EFS; USA v. Doe; Trial Brief)

12 **2. CM/ECF Training.** The Eastern District of Washington uses
13 electronic filing through CM/ECF. Counsel must contact the
14 Clerk's Office to arrange CM/ECF training within 30 days of
15 appearance in this case or be otherwise experienced in the
16 use of CM/ECF either in the Eastern District of Washington
17 or another district.

18 **3. Discovery**

19 **A.** All discovery documents must be Bates-stamped with a
20 unique identifier and must be produced digitally in a
21 text-searchable format. The Court will grant relief
22 from this requirement only in exceptional
23 circumstances, upon motion and good cause shown.

24 **B.** Pursuant to the Eastern District of Washington Local
25 Criminal Rule 16, the Court presumes a defense
26 request for discovery under Federal Rule of Criminal

1 Procedure 16 for **documents and objects**, Fed. R. Crim.
2 P. 16(a)(1)(E), **reports of examinations and tests**,
3 Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(F), **AND expert witnesses**,
4 Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(G), and orders these items
5 to be disclosed. Therefore, the Court imposes a
6 reciprocal duty on defense counsel to provide
7 discovery under Rule 16(b)(1)(A-C) **for each of the**
8 **above categories.** Defendants who do not wish to
9 invoke reciprocal discovery obligations must file a
10 notice with the Court and with opposing counsel prior
11 to accepting discovery from the Government.

12 **C.** The Court further presumes a request for discovery
13 and disclosure under Federal Rules of Evidence
14 404(b), 608(b), and 609, *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S.
15 83 (1963), *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150
16 (1972), *United States v. Henthorn*, 931 F.2d 29 (9th
17 Cir. 1991), and their progeny. These items are
18 ordered to be disclosed.

19 **D.** For those discovery matters ordered to be disclosed
20 by this Order, a party shall not file a motion
21 seeking such discovery, unless the disclosing party
22 fails to timely produce such discovery.

23 **E.** Any party seeking discovery or disclosure not
24 otherwise provided for in this Order, or discovery
25 that was ordered by this Order and not timely
26 provided, shall file a motion stating the specific

1 materials sought, the legal authority for the
2 specific request, and certify that the movant has in
3 good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the
4 opposing party in an effort to obtain the discovery
5 or disclosure without court action.

6 **4. Expert-Witness Summaries**

7 **A.** Each party shall produce to opposing counsel all
8 summaries of its expert-witness testimony for which
9 disclosure is required under Federal Rule of Criminal
10 Procedure 16, by the deadlines set forth below:

11 **USAO's Experts: January 27, 2017**

12 **Defendants' Experts: February 3, 2017**

13 **USAO's Rebuttal Experts: February 10, 2017**

14 Also by the applicable deadline, counsel shall email
15 an electronic copy of the summary to the Court at
16 SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov and shall simultaneously
17 file a Notice of Compliance with this requirement.

18 **B.** All summaries of expert witness testimony must
19 conform to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 and
20 applicable case law interpreting that Rule. The
21 Court will not permit an expert witness to testify
22 about opinions which are not explicitly expressed in
23 that expert's summary. *See, e.g., United States v.*
24 *W.R. Grace*, 526 F.3d 499 (9th Cir. 2008).
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1 C. A party is not permitted to call more than two expert
2 witnesses on any issue, except with permission of the
3 Court. L.R. 43(a)(3).

4 **5. Motions Practice**

5 **A. Generally.** By no later than **February 17, 2017**, all
6 pretrial motions – including discovery motions,
7 *Daubert* motions, and motions in limine – must be
8 filed and served. See Fed. R. Crim. P. 12(c). All
9 motions shall either be: (i) noted for hearing
10 without oral argument 14 days after filing, or (ii)
11 noted for hearing with oral argument at the pretrial
12 conference. Responses and replies to motions must be
13 filed in accordance with Local Rule 7.1.

14 **B. Expedited Hearing.** Any party seeking an expedited
15 hearing on a time-sensitive matter must file a motion
16 to expedite which (i) demonstrates good cause, (ii)
17 states the position of the opposing party to the
18 motion, and (iii) sets a date of hearing that is no
19 less than **seven days** after the motion's filing.
20 Should the motion to expedite require more immediate
21 judicial attention, the motion shall establish the
22 necessity for an immediate hearing, and the filing
23 party shall notify chambers staff of the motion.

24 **6. Trial Continuances**

25 **A. Motion Deadline.** All motions to continue the trial
26 must be heard before or at the final pretrial

conference. Any motion to continue trial made after the pretrial conference has occurred will not be granted absent exceptional circumstances.

B. Statement of Reasons. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161, if the Defendant seeks a continuance, a Statement of Reasons in support of the motion to continue must be filed contemporaneously with the motion.¹ The Statement of Reasons must (i) be signed by the Defendant, (ii) be signed by a certified translator, if applicable, and (iii) indicate the latest date upon which Defendant is willing to proceed to trial.

C. Procedure. Before filing a motion to continue, counsel shall first contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to obtain new pretrial conference and trial dates consistent with the length of the requested trial continuance. Thereafter, counsel shall confer with opposing counsel regarding new case management deadlines consistent with the new pretrial conference and trial date. **All motions to continue must include new proposed case management deadlines (either joint or individual) to ensure the to-be-imposed deadlines are best suited to this case.**

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¹ The Court's Statement of Reasons template can be found on the Eastern District of Washington's public website: www.waed.uscourts.gov.

1 **7. Pretrial Conference**

2 **A.** A Pretrial Conference is **SET** for **February 21, 2017**,
3 at **1:30 p.m.** in **RICHLAND**.

4 **B.** The final pretrial conference is **SET** for **March 28**,
5 **2017**, at **1:30 p.m.** in **YAKIMA**. At this hearing, the
6 Court will hear all remaining pretrial motions.

7 **C.** All pretrial conferences are scheduled to last no
8 more than **30 minutes**, with each side allotted **15**
9 **minutes** to present their own motions and resist
10 motions by opposing counsel. If any party
11 anticipates requiring longer than 15 minutes, that
12 party must notify the Courtroom Deputy at least seven
13 days prior to the hearing. **Any party who fails to**
14 **provide this notice will be limited to 15 minutes.**

15 **8. Confidential Informants (CIs).** By no later than **March 31**,
16 **2017**, the USAO shall disclose to Defendants the identity of
17 any CIs used in the case, as well as any *Giglio*
18 information, and shall advise Defendants at that time
19 whether any CI so identified is willing to be interviewed
20 by defense counsel.

21 **9. Grand Jury Transcripts.** The USAO shall produce copies of
22 the grand jury transcripts for any witness it intends to
23 call at trial by: **March 31, 2017**.

24 **10. Exhibit Lists**

25 **A.** By no later than **April 7, 2017**, each party shall file
26 a list of exhibits the party intends to introduce at

trial. Each party shall also email copies of their exhibit list to the Court at SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov. The parties shall provide their exhibit list in the following format:

Ex. #	Admitted	Description
1		Photograph of items seized
2		Aerial video surveillance from 1/1/2016. Start Time: 01:03:23 End Time: 01:09:54

Exhibit lists shall include a unique exhibit number and a brief description of the exhibit. For all exhibits consisting of an audio or video file, the exhibit list must designate the precise beginning and ending time indexes of the portion of the file the party intends to use at trial.

B. The USAO shall consecutively number their exhibits from **1 to 999**. In single-defendant cases, Defendant shall consecutively number exhibits from **1000 to 1999**; in multi-defendant cases, Defendants shall consecutively number exhibits from x000 to x999, substituting "x" for each Defendant's assigned case identifier (e.g. Defendant 3 would number exhibits from 3000 to 3999, etc.). Exhibits shall be pre-marked for identification before trial commences.

11. Witness Lists. By no later than **April 7, 2017**, each party shall file and serve a list of witnesses that party intends to call to testify at trial. **The witness list must**

1 identify the existence, but need not include the name, of
2 any CI the USAO intends to call to testify. Parties shall
3 email copies of their witness list to the Court at
4 SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov.

5 **12. Requested Voir Dire, Trial Briefs, Proposed Jury**
6 **Instructions, and Verdict Form.** By no later than **April 7,**
7 **2017,** each party shall file requested voir dire, a trial
8 brief, proposed jury instructions, and verdict form, in
9 accordance with the requirements below. Each party shall
10 email copies to the Court at SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov.

11 **A. Requested Voir Dire.** The parties may request that
12 the Court include specific questions during the
13 Court's standard voir dire. Requested voir dire
14 shall not duplicate information elicited in the
15 Clerk's Office Jury Questionnaire and the Court's
16 Criminal Jury Trial Procedures Letter.

17 **B. Trial Briefs.** Trial briefs shall not exceed 20 pages
18 without prior Court approval, upon motion and good
19 cause shown. LR 39.1.

20 **C. Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form.** Jury
21 instructions shall (i) address issues that are unique
22 to the case, and (ii) include instructions regarding
23 the elements of each charge or defense. If a Ninth
24 Circuit Model Jury Instruction exists for a
25 particular charge or defense, the parties shall
26 provide the model instruction or shall submit

argument as to why the instruction is inadequate or no longer supported by law. Proposed jury instructions shall be accompanied by a proposed verdict form. **The parties must confer to develop joint proposed jury instructions and the verdict form.** The Court will only accept an individual party's proposed jury instructions on those points/issues upon which the parties could not agree, and only if the party's memorandum accompanying the individually proposed instructions sets forth the legal authority and justification for why the instructions are necessary.

13. Exhibits

A. Exhibit Binders. By no later than **April 10, 2017**, each party must provide to the Court two Bates-stamped copies of all trial exhibits – or, in the case of physical exhibits, a photograph or other reproduction of the exhibit – the party intends to introduce at trial. All trial exhibits shall be organized sequentially by exhibit number in a three-ring binder. The exhibit binders provided to the Court will not be available for use by the attorneys at trial.

B. JERS.

i. The Court utilizes the Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS), a system that makes evidence

1 digitally available to the jury during
2 deliberations. Counsel shall promptly consult the
3 Court's JERS Information web page² to acquaint
4 themselves with JERS procedures and to ensure they
5 acquire, retain, and provide evidence to the Court
6 in the necessary format.

7 ii. By no later than **April 7, 2017**, each party who
8 intends to introduce evidence at trial must supply
9 its JERS exhibits to the Courtroom Deputy in the
10 manner and format set forth in the JERS - Basics
11 for Lawyers document.³ Counsel may contact the
12 Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 with any
13 questions.

14 **C. Exchange of Exhibits.** By no later than **April 7,**
15 **2017**, each party must provide to all other parties a
16 copy of the exhibits it intends to introduce at
17 trial. The exhibits must be provided in digital
18 format, unless the parties agree otherwise.

19 **14. Witnesses Requiring Counsel.** By no later than **April 7,**
20 **2017**, each party must advise the Court of any witness whose
21 anticipated testimony may warrant the exercise of his/her
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23 ² <http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/jers-information>.

24 ³ This document can be found on the Court's public website at the
25 following link:

26 [http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/u86/JERS%20-
%20Basics%20for%20Lawyers.pdf](http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/u86/JERS%20-%20Basics%20for%20Lawyers.pdf).

1 rights under the Fifth Amendment and whether the witness
2 requires the appointment of counsel.

3 **15. Trial Notices.** By no later than **April 7, 2017**, each party
4 shall file a notice that indicates the amount of time
5 requested for voir dire and for opening statement. In
6 addition, defense counsel must indicate if his/her client
7 waives presence at sidebar and jury questions.

8 **16. Technology Readiness Meeting.** By no later than **April 10,**
9 **2017**, any party seeking to offer video or audio evidence at
10 trial must meet with Court staff at the location of the
11 trial to verify compatibility with the Court's presentation
12 systems. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at
13 (509) 943-8172 to arrange this meeting.

14 **17. Trial.** The jury trial is **SET** for **April 17, 2017**, at **9:00**
15 **a.m.** in **RICHLAND**. Counsel and Defendants shall be prepared
16 to meet with the Court at least 30 minutes prior to the
17 commencement of the trial.

18 **18.** The Court finds that the delay in Defendant's trial is a
19 reasonable period of delay resulting from the fact that
20 Defendant is joined for trial with a co-defendant and no
21 motion for severance has been granted. See 18 U.S.C.
22 § 3161(h)(6). Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6)), the
23 Court **DECLARES EXCLUDABLE from Speedy Trial Act**
24 **calculations** the period from **January 12, 2017**, the date of
25 this Order, through **April 17, 2017**, the new trial date, as
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the reasonable period of delay resulting from the joined trials.

19. Summary of Deadlines

Rule 16 expert summaries produced to other parties and emailed to Court: USAO's Experts Defendants' Experts USAO's Rebuttal Experts	January 27, 2017 February 3, 2017 February 10, 2017
All pretrial motions, including discovery motions, <i>Daubert</i> motions, and motions <i>in limine</i> , filed with the Court	February 17, 2017
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE	February 21, 2017 1:30 P.M. - RICHLAND
FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE <i>Deadline for motions to continue trial</i>	March 28, 2017 1:30 P.M. - YAKIMA
CIs' identities, <i>Giglio</i> disclosures, and willingness to be interviewed disclosed to Defendants (if applicable)	March 31, 2017
Grand jury transcripts produced to Defendants	March 31, 2017
Exhibit and witness lists filed and emailed to the Court	April 7, 2017
Requested voir dire, trial briefs, jury instructions, and verdict forms filed and emailed to the Court	April 7, 2017
Exhibits delivered to all other parties	April 7, 2017
Whether any witness likely to exercise Fifth Amendment rights and requires appointed counsel	April 7, 2017
Delivery of JERS-compatible digital evidence files to the Courtroom Deputy	April 7, 2017
Trial notices filed with the Court	April 7, 2017
Exhibit binders delivered to the Court	April 10, 2017
Technology readiness meeting (in-person)	April 10, 2017
JURY TRIAL	April 17, 2017 9:00 A.M. - RICHLAND

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1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this
2 Order and provide copies to all counsel, the U.S. Probation Office,
3 and the U.S. Marshals Service.

4 **DATED** this 12th day of January 2017.

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6 s/Edward F. Shea
 EDWARD F. SHEA
7 Senior United States District Judge
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